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# U. S. SPURS RUSSIA TO VIOLATE TREATY, GERMANY DECLARES

Protest Made Against Ambassador Francis's Declaration Russia Will Become German Province If It Submits to Peace Terms; Inquiry Made by Germany as to Russia's Attitude Toward Wilson's Message.

MOSCOW, Russia, (Thursday) March 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Germany has protested again to the Russian government against the declaration last week of David R. Francis, the American ambassador, that Russia will become a German province if it submits to the peace terms of the central powers.

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# GERMANY CRUSHES RUMANIA, SEIZING THE OIL INDUSTRY AND ENSLAVING THE NATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—Germany having subjected Rumania to the sacrifices of a conquered province, state department advises today say, now has demanded that the little state turn over all her valuable oil fields to a German controlled corporation.

A summary of the German terms received by the department says: "It is scarcely necessary to draw attention to the fact that the conditions are monstrous. Rumania finds herself deprived of the greater part of her natural wealth for the benefit of a foreign state and private individuals."

The peace treaty which Germany is trying to force upon Rumania, the preliminary agreement having been signed, takes away from Rumania the whole province of Dobruja, provides for the passage of Teutonic troops through to Odessa, and insists that German goods shall be imported free of duty while Rumanian goods must go into Teutonic countries on a duty basis.

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Later there has been talk of a settlement in the Rumanian case, but it is not clear whether the Rumanians conclude a treaty of alliance between Rumania and the central powers.

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# GREATER PART OF ENEMY'S LINE IS NOW FIRMLY HELD

FIGHTING NEAR ARRAS IS BLOODY; BRITONS GRADUALLY CLOSING TO TOWN

French Consider German Drive at Amiens Has Nearly Spent Its Force and Allies are Giving the Enemy a Terrific Shelling; Say Germans are Establishing Themselves in Their New Positions.

BRITISH Army Headquarters in France, March 28.—(By Associated Press.)—While the intense fighting of yesterday and last night along the extended battle front gave the Germans some further gains south of the Somme and a slight advance east and south of Arras, along the greater part of the line the assaulting enemy troops were hurled back with heavy losses.

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# GERMANY PREPARES TO STRIKE NEW PART OF THE FRONT

Gen. Pershing Goes to Gen. Foch, Commander in Chief, Offers Every Resource of American Army in France, Saying It Would Be Considered an Honor to Get Into the Battle; French Capture Morcel.

PARIS, France, March 29.—The whole resources of the American army in France has been placed at the disposal of Gen. Foch (who has been spoken of for probable appointment as commander in chief in the battle area) by Gen. J. J. Pershing, who called on Gen. Foch yesterday at French headquarters, according to L'Information.

This announcement divides interest with the French official statement that in spite of German counterattacks, the French had night held the villages they had captured earlier and in addition captured Morcel North of Mont Duffier, British and French troops held up the German thrust. German losses were heavy.

"I cannot," L'Information quotes Gen. Pershing as saying, "say to you that the American people would hold it a great honor for our troops were they engaged in the present battle. I ask it of you, in my name and in that of the American people."

There is at this moment no other question than that of fighting. Infantry, artillery, aviation—all that we have are yours to dispose of as you will. Others are coming which are more numerous. I have come to say to you that the American people would be proud to be engaged in the greatest battle in history."

Gen. Foch placed Gen. Pershing's offer before the council at the front. L'Information says the council includes premier Clemenceau, commander in chief Pétain and Louis Loucheur, minister of war.

The official statement follows: "The battle was continued yesterday evening and part of the night in the region of Mont Duffier. Notwithstanding repeated counterattacks, the enemy was not able to dislodge the French from the villages which they captured yesterday. The French, following their success, took possession of Morcel after a violent fighting."

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# STATE MOONEY, LESSER CHARGES GOVERNOR'S BOARD'S REPORT

Only Pardon Can Save Mooney From Execution; Bomb Murders Charged.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 28.—President Wilson has telegraphed Gov. William D. Stephens, of California, asking executive clemency for Thomas J. Mooney, now under death sentence, it became known here today. Mooney was convicted in connection with a bomb explosion in San Francisco in a preparedness parade July 12, 1916, which caused the death of six persons and injured 40 others.

Executive clemency was Mooney's only hope, the state supreme court, which is confined to questions of law in reviewing murder cases, having refused recently his appeal for a new trial.

President Wilson received a special report on the Mooney case from the labor mediation commission which investigated it while on the Pacific coast, and reported, among other things, that while the official record of the trial might be flawless, the testimony of witnesses for the state had been changed from trial to trial on the various defendants in the case.

President Wilson wishes to turn loose a murderer like Mooney, the responsibility is laid on the commission. It is to have the commission report on the Mooney case, which was the result of the state supreme court, backed by the trial judge and the attorney general of California, who had demanded that the court find it had no jurisdiction in the appeal.

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# SAYS BRITISH FOLLOW PLANS

Withdrawal Carefully Calculated, Says Maj. Gen. J. F. Bell.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—The British withdrawal before the German advance was made according to prearranged plans, and is all over now, Maj. Gen. J. F. Bell today told the senate military committee. He said the allies have known of the German preparations for the present drive since soon after they were begun and made active preparations to face it. Gen. Bell recently returned from the battle front.

Gen. Bell was called by the senate military committee to inform the members regarding conditions on the battle front. He said the German general staff were quoted as saying two months preparation were necessary for the present drive.

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# ALL CIVILIANS SUCCESSFULLY MOVED OUT OF THE BATTLE AREA

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